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Ghost Not at Home

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where she spent the day to get away from all the excitement in the street.

"What do they think they'll see?" she asked of the throngs. "There's nothing to see out on the streets, and I don't want them in my house."

What there had been to see inside the house was IFO's — inexplicable flying objects.

Small pieces of furniture and crockery had been flying around inside the house every evening since the poltergeist, or whatever it is, moved in Thursday with the Daughtery family.

Police estimated that as many as 10,000 persons went to Florida Avenue Sunday to take a look at the Daughtery house. In the afternoon, cars were arriving in the suburb at a rate of 600 an hour.

Most of the curiosity-seekers, however, moved on when they realized police cordons would keep

them from approaching the house.

The crowd in the streets stayed pretty steadily at around 600 or 700, then thinned out towards late afternoon.

The poltergeist attracted the attention of out-of-town psychic researchers Sunday.

TEEN-AGER NEEDED

(A poltergeist, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, makes noises and moves objects around. The presence of some person or agent, usually a teen-age girl or boy, is almost invariably essential for the production of the phenomena, the encyclopedia says.)

Dr. J. T. Pratt of the Duke University Institute of Parapsychology said Sunday night the situation at the Daughtery house is typical of those in the frequent reports of poltergeist haunting received at the university.

Dr. Pratt investigated the famous Hermann poltergeist at Seaforth, Long Island, in 1958.

Hugh Lynn Cayce, head of the Association for Research and Enlightenment at Virginia Beach, also expressed interest in the Florida Avenue phenomena.

Cases of objects being moved around with no rational explanation of their behaviour are common, he said.

He recalled that Andrew Jackson was pelted by poltergeist-propelled objects while he was in Nashville, Tenn., shortly before he became president of the United States.